

# AMHERST/LA PAZ CENTRO SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

## Minutes

September 30, 2010

PRESENT: Paul Baker, Liz Etheridge, Kathy and Walter Mullin, Mary Santiago, Ed and Anne Stanek, Lydia Vernon-Jones.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Kathy reported that the final intake for the Annual Tag Sale was \$2156, which beat our record by about \$500!

Kathy sent Julio the following (this covers 25 students and Julio's salary for July through December, 6 months):

Gym shorts	\$150
Water	24
Office supplies	70
Julio's	462
Notebooks ( 6 per stu)	150
Tutoring	300
School fees, etc.	836

TOTAL: \$1967

With these numbers, our annual budget this year is \$4776, quite a bit more than we have paid before. We have not assigned money for notebooks twice per year in the past, though Julio tells us that we have always paid for two sets of notebooks per year. We have also not paid for gym shorts previously and we are now paying for tutoring as an extra item.

We have \$9094 in our account at present.

### NEWS FROM JULIO

There really is not much news from Julio. Carlos Ariel cannot do the math tutoring as we had hoped so someone else needs to be found. **Mary** will clarify with Julio what the \$300 tutoring money is actually covering.

Mary clarified that Julio is applying for a grant through the University of Leon for Youth Development. If he gets it, it will last for a year and funds from the grant will

pay for the electricity at the Community Center as that will be used for programs funded by the grant.

Kathy clarified the bank situation for us. Apparently, before Ariel died the bank had required some paperwork from Julio, to prove the not-for-profit status of the Sister City Foundation. Julio neglected to submit the papers in a timely fashion and was therefore fined. Ariel's death may have complicated the situation, but the freezing of the account had begun before Ariel's death. The \$150, which we sent, was at least in part to cover the fine.

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Kathy mentioned the following fundraising idea: There is an electronics recycling program in Brockton which will send a truck to a previously assigned location to collect electronics for recycling. We would do the advertisement for the day and time, in return for which we would be given an amount for each item dropped off in the truck. There was some concern about where the equipment is sent as we don't want to be the cause of pollution in another country. **Kathy** will research what happens to the recycled materials.

**Anne** will check with Lyle on a concert suggestion he had made a while ago.

## FUNDRAISING LETTER

**Lydia** will edit the brochure

**Ed** will write the letter and work on the mailing list. He will add people from both delegations to the list (including the Etheridges) and the new town meeting members. He will then send the updated list out to committee members for editing.

**Kathy** will check on scholarship program costs and send it to **Anne** who will get it to Lydia. **Kathy** will buy the inside envelopes and gather other supplies needed, and get thank you cards printed.

**Anne** will update the card insert and get that printed along with the final version of the letter after we have all sent in our edits. **Anne** will also be in touch with Judith for the town meeting member list and make sure of the town's commitment to the cost of mailing.

As of this printing, we still have not decided finally on the next meeting, which will be the stuffing of envelopes in early November. You will be contacted by email.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Stanek, Chair